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NYMPHAS CORIDON MURDOCK

Nymphas Coridon Murdock was born May 12, 1833 at Madison County, New York. His mother was Sally Stacy, the second wife of Joseph Murdock. He married Sarah Malissa Barney, October 13, 1855, in the old Endowment House. She was a daughter of Royal and Sarah B. E. Barney. Married Esther Mariah Davies, December 6, 1857 in the old Endowment House. She was a daughter of Franklin Judson Davies and Ann Richmond. Also married Elizabeth Green. Nymphus died in 1917 at his home.

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He ate many meals in the Prophet Joseph Smith's home.

In Nauvoo, his father Joseph died, but his mother Sally promised she would bring her son to the valley with the saints. He came with others in 1846 to the banks of the Missouri river. He drove a yoke of oxen, one of which was a cow, with the Ira Eldridge Company, bringing sheep and flax seed and many things to help. They left Winter Quarters for the great western desert and reached Salt Lake City September 22, 1847.

Brigham Young alloted them ground where the Newhouse Hotel now stands. Here they built a two-story adobe home, with a garden plot where Liberty Park now is. He assisted building adobe for the old fort wall. They were there when Johnston's Army came and homes were deserted. Also, they lost their crops when the crickets came. Here Nymphus married Sarah Malissa Barney in the old Endowment House. Later he married Esther Mariah Davies also in the old Endowment House. They lived for some time with Sally Stacy. Later ground was purchased in Charleston and two homes built there. At Charleston he had a store and was the first postmaster, also first owner in the first creamery. When stakes were made in 1877 he was made Bishop of Charleston and served for 14 years. He was kind and generous, also very thrifty and encouraged all to learn to work. They called him uncle Nif. He loaned many people money to bring their loved ones to America. In 1888 he and others went by team to the dedication of the Manti Temple. His daughter Ella and son Fredrick went too. He filled a mission to the Eastern States. He was a member of the Legislature of the State of Utah. He was a member of the second company of militia known as the Minute Men, and continued service and took part in the Black Hawk War.

Nymphus Cordion Murdock and Sarah Malissa Barney had four children: Nymphus Coridon, Sarah Malissa, Joseph Royal, Betsy Emeline.

Nymphus Coridon Murdock and Esther Mariah Davies had nine children: Franklin Judson, Stanley, Eunice Louise, and Alfonso (twins), Alva Nymphas, Fredrick Agastus, Ann Mariah, Ella Maria and Malissa.

SARAH MELISSA B. MURDOCK

Sarah Melissa Barney Murdock was born March 30, 1832 at Lorain County, Ohio, daughter of Royal and Sarah B. E. Barney. Married to Nymphus C. Murdock, October 30, 1852. Died May 21, 1911 at Heber City.

Sarah Melissa Barney Murdock was the first wife of Patriarch Nymphus C. Murdock. She moved to Nauvoo in the early days and arrived in Salt Lake City in 1850, with the ox team company, having walked all the way across the plains. She was the mother of four children, two sons and two daughters. Three of the children died in the year 1863, leaving her with an only son, Joseph R. Murdock, who was president of the Wasatch Stake. She was a faithful member of the Church, and for a number of years was counselor and president of the Relief Society of the Charleston Ward.

ESTHER MARIAH DAVIES MURDOCK



Esther Mariah Davies was born March 13, 1838 at Pickerington, Canada, daughter of Franklin Judson Davies and Ann Richmond. Married Nymphas Coridon Murdock December 6, 1857. Died November 12, 1909.

Esther Mariah Davies, was the second wife of Nymphas Coridon Murdock. When a child, her father owned a sugar bush. They made syrup and brown sugar.

They later came to Nauvoo. Her father taught school and was a wheelwright by trade. Brigham Young had him stay in Nauvoo to help make wheels and wagons. Her mother died on the way to Salt Lake.

In Salt Lake she later worked as a milliner. They always divided food with others and Brigham Young promised her father that neither they, nor their childrens' children should ever want for bread.

She married Nymphus Coridon Murdock in Salt Lake Endowment House December 6, 1857. They were alloted land by Brigham Young where the Newhouse Hotel stands. They built a two-story adobe home there.

She was the mother of nine children.

She always found time to help others. In the summer she and her children used to take the dairy cows up to the big spring in Deckers Canyon. She made wonderful butter and cheese. She was president of the Young Women's Mutual for some time. She and others often sat under the Dry Creek bridge patting their babies all night to keep them from crying for fear of Indians.

She was truly a noble mother and pioneer.